1	2	3	4
12.	Tripura	1. Reangs	84,004
13.	Uttar Pradesh	1. Buxa	34,198
		2. Raji	371
14.	West Bengal	1. Toto	675
		2. Birhor	154
		3. Lodha	NA
15.	A and N Islands	1. Shompens	214
		2. Onge	102
		3. Great Andamanese	28
		4. Jarawa	200
		5. Sentinelese	80

STATEMENT-III

Decline in the Primitive Tribal Groups Population (Estimate)

S. No.	Name of the States	Name of the Tribes	Population Figures 1971	1981
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1. Kolam	26,277	21,842
2.	Bihar	2. Savar	3,548	3,014
		3. Birhor	4,590	4,377
3.	Gujarat	4. Kolgha	29,464	25,830
4.	Kerala	5. Koraga	1,200	1,098
5.	Madhya Pradesh	6. Pahadi Korwa	67,000	27,109
		7. Birhor	738	561
6.	Orissa	8. Juang	3,181	2,834
		9. Birhor	248	142
7.	Tamil Nadu	10. Kotas	1,188	604
		11. Todas	930	875
8.	A and N Islands	12. Shompens	212	133*

* According to 1991 Census estimate

[English]

Prices of Essential Commodities

985. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the rise in prices of essential commodities since June, 1996, commodity-wise;

(b) the main factor responsible for such rises;

(c) whether it is a fact that common people, particularly the people below poverty line have been hit hard due to such rises;

(d) whether the Government are considering to freeze the prices of essential commodities available under public distribution system; and

(e) if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to control the price rise?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (c). The prices of essential commotities have remained more or less steady since June, 1996. A statement showing the retail prices of 12 essential commodities as on 28.6.96 and on 12.7.96 is give in the Statement attached.

(d) and (e). There is no proposal to freeze the prices of essential commodities available under Public Distribution System. With a view to keeping the prices of essential commodities under check, the Public Distribution System is being strengthened to provide Foodgrains at cheaper rates to the poor strata of the society. Besides, stringent actions are being taken against the speculators, hoarders and traders indulging in unfair trade practices. The essential commodities are also being supplied through Co-operative Stores, Mobile Sotres, Kendriya Bhandars etc. at reasonable prices. Essential Commodities like pulses and edible oils are being imported in desired quantities to augment their supplies in the domestic market.

STATEMENT

Retail prices of essential commodities at selected centres (Rs. per kg.)

Commodity/ Centre	28.6.96	12.7.96	Variation	Commodity/ Centre	28.6.96	12.7.96	Variation
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Rice				**Wheat**			
Delhi	11.00	11.00	-	Delhi	6.00	6.00	-
Mumbai	9.00	9.00	-	Mumbai	8.00	8.00	-
Calcutta	10.00	10.00	-	Calcutta	5.50	5.50	-
Madras	9.00	9.00	-	Madras	8.25	8.25	-

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Gram				**Tur**			
Delhi	15.00	15.00	-	Delhi	30.00	30.00	-
Mumbai	18.00	18.00	-	Mumbai	34.00	34.00	
Calcutta	18.00	16.00	- 2.00	Calcutta	32.00	32.50	+ 0.50
Madras	15.00	15.00	-	Madras	32.00	32.00	
Sugar				**Groundnut Oil**			
Delhi	15.50	15.00	- 0.50	Delhi	50.00	50.00	-
Mumbai	14.00	13.80	- 0.20	Mumbai	44.00	44.00	-
Calcutta	15.60	15.50	- 0.10	Calcutta	56.00	56.00	-
Madras	14.50	14.00	- 0.50	Madras	41.00	41.00	
Mustart Oil				**Vanaspati**			
Delhi	37.00	39.00	+ 2.00	Delhi	42.00	42.00	-
Mumbai	46.00	46.00	-	Mumbai	44.00	44.00	-
Calcutta	37.00	38.00	+ 1.00	Calcutta	45.00	45.00	-
Madras	45.00	45.00	-	Madras	45.00	42.00	- 3.00
Tea (Loose)				**Potatoes**			
Delhi	76.00	76.00	-	Delhi	8.00	7.00	- 1.00
Mumbai	84.00	84.00	-	Mumbai	9.00	9.00	-
Calcutta	80.00	80.00	-	Calcutta	5.50	6.00	+ 1.50
Madras	112.50	112.50	-	Madras	8.00	8.00	-
Salt (packed)				**Onions**			
Delhi	5.00	5.00	-	Delhi	5.00	5.00	-
Mumbai	5.00	5.00	-	Mumbai	6.50	6.50	-
Calcutta	5.00	5.00	-	Calcutta	5.50	6.50	+ 1.00
Madras	4.50	4.50	-	Madras	5.00	5.00	-

Crushing of Sugarcane

986. SHRI UDAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether some crushing period of sugarcane has been fixed for States/Union Territories where sugar factories exist;

(b) if so, the details thereof State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether crushing period of sugarcane has been extended in some States/Union Territories;

(d) if so, the names of such States/Union Territories;

(e) whether despite extension of period, huge stock of sugarcane is still lying un-crushed;

(f) if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise;

(g) whether the Government propose to provide some compensation to farmers and labourers working in sugar factories; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) Government had notified the 'Appointed Day' for commencing crushing for the sugar year 1995-96 as follows :

States	Appointed Day
Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Andhra Pradesh & Madhya Pradesh	15th November
West UP, Central UP, Rajasthan Punjab, Haryana, Goa, & Kerala.	30th November
East Up, Bihar, West Bengal, Orissa, Assam, and Nagaland.	15th December

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Government notify the date for commencement of crushing only. The period of crushing continues till the cane is available with the sugar factory

(e) and (f) As per available information the quantity of sugarcane crushed during the season 1995-96 upto